

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Harold M. Forman

For: COMPOSITE WEB FOR MAKING RESEALABLE PACKAGES AND RECLOSABLE  
SEALS

Divisional Application of Application Serial No. 09/693,963, filed 10/23/2000

Group Art Unit 3727

Examiner: Jes F. Pascua

DECLARATION IN DIVISIONAL APPLICATION DISCLAIMING INVENTION  
BY ONE OF JOINT APPLICANTS

I, Trevor G. Smith, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, do declare as follows:

That I am the applicant who with Harold M. Forman on October 23, 2000 jointly filed an application for Letters Patent in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on an improvement in RECLOSABLE SEAL, PACKAGE, METHOD AND APPARATUS, above identified as Serial No. 09/693,963, and which is now pending;

That I am a joint inventor only of the subject matter defined by the method and apparatus claims 45 to 71 of the parent application Serial No. 09/693,963, and not of the subjects matter defined by the composite web claims 1 to 11 of this divisional application of the aforesaid application 09/693,963, which composite web claims 1 to 11 of this divisional application are the sole invention or inventions of Harold M. Forman;

That this Declaration is necessitated because of the separation of inventions caused by the restriction requirements set forth by the Examiner in the Office Actions dated August 15, 2001 and November 5, 2001.

ACCORDINGLY, I, Trevor G. Smith, disclaim as my invention or inventions the invention or inventions defined by the composite web claims 1 to 11 of this divisional application which are the sole invention or inventions of Harold M. Forman, and I request that the inventorship be so corrected.

Dated: December /2 , 2001

  
Trevor G. Smith

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DECLARATION BY JOINT APPLICANT CLAIMING SOLE INVENTION

Harold M. Forman, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of  
Pennsburg, Pennsylvania, declares as follows:

That he is the applicant who with Trevor G. Smith on October 23, 2000 jointly  
filed an application for Letters Patent in the United States Patent and Trademark  
Office on an improvement in RECLOSABLE SEAL, PACKAGE, METHOD AND  
APPARATUS, above identified as Serial No. 09/693,963, and which is now pending;

That he is a joint inventor of the subject matter defined by the method and  
apparatus claims 45 to 71 of said application Serial No. 09/693,963 and is the sole  
inventor of the subjects matter defined by the composite web claims 1 to 11;

That this Declaration is necessitated because of the separation of inventions  
caused by the restriction requirements set forth by the Examiner in the Office Actions  
dated August 15, 2001 and November 5, 2001.

ACCORDINGLY, I, Harold M. Forman, declare that the invention or inventions  
defined by the composite web claims 1 to 11 are my sole invention.

Dated: December 12, 2001



Harold M. Forman

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HAROLD M. FORHAN

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

COMPOSITE WEB FOR MAKING RESEALABLE PACKAGES AND  
 RECLOSEABLE SEALS

the specification of which

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached?	
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Name of Sole or First Inventor: ☐ A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor

Given Name **HAROLD** Middle Initial **M** Family Name **FORMAN** Suffix e.g. Jr.

Inventor's Signature **Harold M. Forman** Date **12/12/01**

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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTIONS

WHEREAS, we, Harold M. Forman, a resident of Pennsburg, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., and Trevor G. Smith, a resident of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. have invented certain new and useful improvements in RECLOSABLE SEAL, PACKAGE, METHOD AND APPARATUS, for which application for United States Letters Patent was executed on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2000.

AND WHEREAS, Sealstrip Corporation, a corporation of the State of Pennsylvania, having a place of business at 200 N. Washington Street, Boyertown, Pennsylvania 19512, hereinafter referred to as Assignee, is desirous of acquiring an interest in said inventions and in and to any Letters Patent which may be granted therefor;

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, That for a valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we hereby assign, sell and transfer unto the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and in and to the invention or inventions therein shown and described, including any and all improvements heretofore or hereafter made, as well as in and to all patents United States or foreign, that may be granted for the invention or inventions shown and described in said application for United States Letters Patent and improvements thereof, including any and all reissues, continuations, divisions and extensions of said patents, in and to any and all priority and/or Convention rights or benefits accruing or to accrue to us with respect to the filing or securing of patents in the United States and/or any and all countries foreign thereto, and covenant that we have full right so to do, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee for its own use and behoof and for its legal representatives, successors and assigns to the full end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us if this assignment and sale had not been made;

And we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents on said United States applications or for the invention or inventions thereof, in accordance with this assignment.

And we agree that we will communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to us respecting said improvements whenever requested, and testify in any legal proceeding;

And we hereby grant to Assignee the right to apply in its own name for patents corresponding to the above inventions in countries foreign to the United States;

And we further agree to sign and properly execute such necessary and lawful papers for application for foreign patents, for subdivisions of any applications for patent, and/or, for obtaining any reissue or reissues of any Letters Patent which may be granted for our aforesaid invention or inventions and to perform such further acts as may be required to carry out the intent of this agreement as the Assignee thereof shall hereafter require and prepare at Assignee's expense.

WITNESS, our hands and seals this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2000.

Harold M. Forman (SEAL)  
Harold M. Forman

Trevor G. Smith (SEAL)  
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## ADDITIONAL INVENTOR(S) Supplemental Sheet

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Inventor's Signature	Trevor G. Smith				Date		
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